

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) The mounting device of claim 11 ~~4~~, wherein the electrical fixture comprises an exit sign.

3. (Currently Amended) The mounting device of claim 11 ~~4~~, wherein the universal mounting plate includes a plurality of apertures patterned to correspond to apertures in the junction box.

4. (Original) The mounting device of claim 3, further comprising at least one fastener that extends through at least one of the plurality of apertures in the universal mounting plate and a corresponding aperture in the junction box.

Claim 5 (canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The mounting device of claim 4, wherein the at least one fastener comprises two screws.

Claims 7-10 (canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A mounting device for connecting an electrical fixture to a junction box that is mounted to a wall or ceiling surface, the mounting device comprising:

a canopy element that covers the junction box upon connection of the mounting device to the junction box;

a connector that connects to the electrical fixture and is disposed between the canopy element and the junction box, the connector comprising at least one hook receivable within an opening in the electrical fixture;

a locking pin with a camming surface that engages with a surface of the at least one hook of the connector to secure the mounting device to the electrical fixture; and

a universal mounting plate integrally formed with the connector that connects to the junction box.

12. (Original) The mounting device of claim 11, wherein the connector further comprises at least one redundance member that retains the connector in connection with the electrical fixture during assembly of the electrical fixture and connector.

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13. (Original) The mounting device of claim 12, wherein the at least one redundancy member includes structure for snap-fitting to surfaces disposed about the opening in the electrical fixture.

14. (Currently Amended) The mounting device of claim 11 ~~4~~, wherein the junction box is mounted flush with the wall or ceiling surface.

15. (Currently Amended) The mounting device of claim 11 ~~4~~, wherein the junction box is completely recessed within the wall or ceiling.

16. (Currently Amended) The mounting device of claim 11 ~~4~~, wherein at least one edge of the junction box extends outside the wall or ceiling surface.

Claim 17 (canceled)

18. (Original) A mounting device for connecting an electrical fixture to a junction box that is mounted to a wall or ceiling surface, the mounting device comprising:

a canopy element that covers the junction box upon connection of the mounting device to the junction box;

a connector that connects to the electrical fixture, wherein:

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(i) the canopy element is disposed between the connector and the electrical fixture;

(ii) the connector includes flexible tabs that bias against opposing surfaces of the electrical fixture upon attachment of the electrical fixture to the connector to position the canopy element flush against the wall or ceiling surface; and

a universal mounting plate integrally formed with the connector that connects to the junction box.

19. (Original) The mounting device of claim 18, wherein the connector includes at least one hook receivable within an opening in the electrical fixture and the mounting device further comprises a locking pin with a camming surface that engages with a surface of the at least one hook of the connector to secure the mounting device to the electrical fixture.

Claims 20-22 (canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) ~~The lighting fixture of claim 21, wherein the connector further comprises:~~ A lighting fixture that connects to a junction box that is mounted to a wall or ceiling surface, the lighting fixture comprising:

a housing that includes indicia and at least one illumination source that illuminates the indicia; and

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a mounting device for connecting the housing to the junction box, the mounting device including:

a canopy element that covers the junction box upon connection of the mounting device to the junction box;

a connector that connects to the housing and is disposed between the canopy element and the junction box, the connector comprising flexible tabs that bias against opposing surfaces of the housing upon attachment of the housing to the connector to position the canopy element flush against the wall or ceiling surface; and

a universal mounting plate integrally formed with the connector that connects to the junction box.

24. (Currently Amended) A lighting fixture that connects to a junction box that is mounted to a wall or ceiling surface, the lighting fixture comprising:

a housing that includes indicia and at least one illumination source that illuminates the indicia; and

a mounting device for connecting ~~that connects~~ the housing to the junction box, the mounting device including:

a canopy element that covers the junction box upon connection of the mounting device to the junction box;

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a connector that connects to the housing and is disposed between the canopy element and the junction box, the connector comprising at least one hook receivable within an opening in the housing;

a locking pin with a camming surface that engages with a surface of the at least one hook of the connector to secure the mounting device to the housing; and

a universal mounting plate integrally formed with the connector that connects to the junction box.

Claim 25 (canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) The lighting fixture of claim 24, wherein:
the connector has a plurality of circumferential ridges; and
the canopy element includes an opening and is positionable relative to the wall or ceiling surface by engagement between a peripheral edge of the opening of the canopy element and any one of the plurality of circumferential ridges of the connector.

27. (New) The lighting fixture of claim 24, wherein the connector further comprises at least one redundance member that retains the connector in connection with the housing during assembly of the housing and connector.

28. (New) The lighting fixture of claim 27, wherein the at least one redundance member includes structure for snap-fitting to surfaces disposed about the opening in the housing.

29. (New) The lighting fixture of claim 24, wherein the connector further comprises:

flexible tabs that bias against opposing surfaces of the housing upon attachment of the housing to the connector to position the canopy element flush against the wall or ceiling surface.

30. (New) The lighting fixture of claim 24, wherein the universal mounting plate includes a plurality of apertures patterned to correspond to apertures in the junction box.

31. (New) The mounting device of claim 11, wherein:
the connector has a plurality of circumferential ridges; and
the canopy element includes an opening and is positionable relative to the wall or ceiling surface by engagement between a peripheral edge of the opening of the canopy element and any one of the plurality of circumferential ridges of the connector.

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32. (New) The mounting device of claim 11, wherein the canopy element is secured without any screws engaging or passing through the canopy element.

33. (New) The mounting device of claim 11, wherein the connector further comprises:

flexible tabs that bias against opposing surfaces of the electrical fixture upon attachment of the electrical fixture to the connector to position the canopy element flush against the wall or ceiling surface.

34. (New) The lighting fixture of claim 23, wherein the connector further comprises at least one hook receivable within an opening in the housing.

35. (New) The lighting fixture of claim 23, further comprising a locking pin that engages a portion of the connector to secure the mounting device to the housing.

36. (New) The lighting fixture of claim 23, wherein the canopy element is secured without any screws engaging or passing through the canopy element.